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Baltimore Man Sentenced in Armed Robbery of Casino Customer

A Baltimore man has been sentenced to one year in jail for participating in the January armed robbery of a casino patron after following him from Live! Casino in Anne Arundel County to his Columbia home. Khalil Mohammadi, 21, of the 100 block of N. Clinton Street, pleaded guilty in Howard County Circuit Court last month and was sentenced this morning.

Police were dispatched to the 6300 block of Bright Plume Court shortly after midnight on January 11 where the victim stated he was approached by four men who robbed him, at gunpoint, of his wallet, keys and \$4,800 cash— most of which was casino winnings. The casino's video surveillance recordings showed two men following the victim from the cashier's window, through the casino and into the parking garage. Mohammadi was one of two suspects who rode a casino elevator with him, on the way to the garage, where cameras recorded the license plate of Mohammadi's vehicle as it followed the victim's Volkswagen. During the sentencing hearing this morning, Mohammadi's defense attorney asserted that the weapon was a "toy gun."

Judge William V. Tucker ordered that Mohammadi's sentence be served consecutive to a one year jail sentence Mohammadi received in Baltimore County, on October 17, for the January 13 armed robbery of a patron of Horseshoe Casino Baltimore. Mohammadi's co-defendant in the Howard County case— Hayman Rajab Abdulrahman, also of Baltimore, pleaded guilty to a single count of armed robbery on August 8 and was sentenced to one year in jail and ordered to pay restitution to the victim.

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